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FOUR MILLION UNEMPLOYED

The latest government announcement on employment is hopeful but is, unfortunately, no sure sign that a cure has been found for the problem which has plagued the working force in the United States for many years now. Figures just released show that unemployment dropped almost 400,000 in March, which is about twice as much as is normally expected for this time of year. Employment increased over 1,000,000 — from February to March — which is also encouraging.

But the cold fact is that there are still almost 4,400,000 Americans unemployed. This is a figure which remains surprisingly high when we talk about record prosperity and that sort of thing — which is the current trend in government circles.

It is sobering to realize that unemployment in March of this year, 1959, was higher than in the same month in any other year since World War II, with the exception of the recession year, 1958. Of course, if the trend toward less and less unemployment continues, and the government thinks it will, we might be out of the financial woods relatively soon. In a prosperous country like the United States, 4,400,000 unemployed is too many. It is waste of manpower at a time when our country is being challenged by an economic system which is making rapid gains each year. There are a certain number of people who will always be unemployed at least part of the time, but that number is not four millions.

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OUR WIDENED OUTLOOK

There was a time, not very long ago, when the people of Appomattox County were not too much interested in what happened outside of the United States, and, if you go back some years, there was a time when nothing much mattered except what happened within gun-shot range of their homes.

Times have changed, and with them, the outlook of our people. Whether we like it or not, we cannot remain insensible to what happens in the world, because of the economic consequences, which are felt in the sale of our products and the state of our well-being.

The development of rapid transportation, through the means of the automobile and the airplane, has done much to widen our outlook. The dissemination of news, through the newspapers, the radio and television, has heightened our interest in the happenings beyond our borders. Today, as never before, there are well-informed people in every town and village and crossroads in the United States.

This does not mean, of course, that, as a people, we have what might be called an intelligent, world viewpoint. Our thinking, expressed in national action, often continues to be local. There is a vast number of people who believe that the United States is not yet a part of the world in which they and so many other peoples live. Yet, there are signs that a new understanding is becoming manifest.

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BUSINESS MUST SERVE

The development of business has transformed the life of human beings. The growth of industry has given modern conveniences to the masses. The power age will revolutionize human existence.

The business man, in the broadest sense, includes the laborer, the capitalist and all the multiplied millions of men and women at work for a pecuniary gain. Our economy is largely a present from the past, although shaped by present trends. Business justifies its existence only when it serves human needs. There is a great need today for business men with intelligence enough to appreciate this fact. Business is not a Colossus, astride other social activities and superior to them. It is only the product of man's experience, representing his belief that it is beneficial to all. There is always the danger that business men will forget that they are only a part of the world. Our way of life is built upon the foundation of coordination of many component factors, and they must be kept in proper perspective and balance. The same thinking goes for others of the component factors.

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TOO MUCH HOKUM

As everyone knows, there are too many special days and weeks, and it has reached a point where no one pays much attention to most of the commercial hokum connected with these special designations.

We recall that former Governor W. M. Tuck drew a line on issuing official proclamations for any and every occasion, and we think that he was thinking soundly in so deciding.

In this newspaper we recently published a list of the Special Weeks and Special Days we were being asked to observe just for the month of April. Each month has a similar list. Someone, somewhere is going to have to draw a line.

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Mother's little man often turns out to be just that.

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No teacher can do much with the brain of a pupil who doesn't want to learn.

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Be careful about making prom dress. Some of them can be collected in court.

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Age improves most wine and most people, although some people take a lot of aging.

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One flank with some members of the younger generation is that they dislike real work.

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Criticism springs from two sources — intelligent disapproval and emotional reaction.

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Older people are hard-pressed for an argument when they use age as a reason why they are right.

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Helping other human beings, in the battle of life, is just as heroic as waiting for them to fall inorder to help lift them up.

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We feel sure that beauty and brains go together, now that several good-looking ladies have admitted that they read these paragraphs regularly.

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The trouble with too many people is that the only thought they have is that they have to say something.

Washington Notes

S. E. C. Warning

The Securities and Exchange Commission, in a rare public statement, has warned of "indications of increased manipulative activity" in the stock market. It said speculation "is a field for the experts," and the amateur who plays the market is asking for trouble.

Patent Sharing

The Atomic Energy Commission has agreed to a five-year extension of a controversial patent provision that gives the Government control over important atomic energy inventions.

Crime Drive Progresses

Federal prosecutors have been told that a year-old offensive against majo rcrime has shown gratifying results, and been urged to keep up the work.

G. O. P. Study

Research experts of the Republican National Committee have concluded that the party setback in the 1958 elections came largely from what they called an urban revolt.

The report, prepared by William B. Pendergast, associate director, and Stephen D. Pfleiderer, his assistant, was based largely on an analysis of returns in House races.

U. S. Deterrent Might

Congress has published testimony that the United States' military strength to deter the Soviet Union from starting a war was weakening.

The testimony was by Gen. Thomas S. Power, who, as commander of the Strategic Air Command, heads the country's major nuclear deterrent forces of bombers and missiles.

G. O. P. Censured

The Democratic Advisory Council has charged that a "disgracefully high amount of unemployment" has resulted from what it called the Eisenhower Administration's failure to encourage economic growth.

Federal Budget

If the present balance of political forces prevails, the Federal budget over the next five years will rise by about $10,000,000,000, according to a Harvard University specialist.

The projection was made by Otto Eckstein, after an item-by-item examination of all major Federal programs .The study was done for the Committee ' of Economic Development, a group of leading business men.

Diplomatic Travel

The State Department announced recently that Russia has relaxed to a limited extent its ban on travel by foreign diplomats.

The United States intends to ease its retaliatory ban by permitting Soviet Embassy officials to travel to some American cities, a State Department spokesman says.

Solid Berlin Stand

NATO foreign ministers have concluded their Berlin crisis conference with a new solid-front warning to Russia against trying to force the Western powers out of Berlin.

Robertson Resigns

Walter S. Robertson, for years a key figure in mapping United States strategy against Communist China, is quitting July 1 as Assistant Secretary of States for Far Eastern Affairs.

Ill health was given as the reason for his resignation.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Do mountains have anything to do with rainfall? What role do they play in controlling precipitation in the United States?

Mountains have a definite effect on cloud movement and rainfall. In the United States, the really high mountains near the West Coast are a major influence on the weather. In this case, they block moist, maritime air, or drain the moisture out of it, as it moves east, thereby causing the dry regions in the western areas.

The United States is favored with four sources of moist maritime air, which brings rain and produces necessary vegetation. From the Pacific air masses move in from the northwest and southwest. In the Atlantic, air masses enter from northeast and southeast.

Only from the polar regions, via Canada, and from Mexico, (in summer) do we get dry air masses over the United States.

Third Time Lucky

Knoxville, Tenn.- A practical joker ordered three truckloads of coal sent to the home of Fred W. Fraker, who heats part of his house with electricity and the rest with oil. That was the result:

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Another telephones to confirm the order.

The other delivered the coal.

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Leading the Parade

San Francisco.- California tops the nation in foreign car registration, with 17 per cent. The national average is 9.2 per cent.

This was reported to the National Automobile Dealers Association by H. L. Galles, Jr., Albuquerque, N. M., the association president.

A Sod Song

Louisville, Ky.- A thief tempingly green side of Edwin B[illegible] fence.

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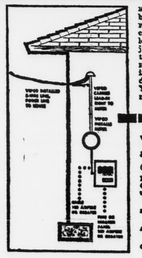

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Women To Lecture This Evening

Wayne Women, Executive [illegible] the Virginia Church Council, will be the [illegible] of the joint meeting [illegible]ary and High School [illegible] of Appomattox on Thursday, April 23. The meeting will be in the cafeteria of the [illegible] School, beginning at [illegible]

[illegible]fred Harwood, Jr., pro[illegible] and Miss Julia [illegible] chairman of the [illegible]T. A., urge all to [illegible] The Lions Club is invited [illegible] program following [illegible]

[illegible]who has been conducting [illegible] on Alcohol Educa[illegible]ic schools this week [illegible]ing each evening to [illegible] church leaders, is a [illegible] Alcoholic Study [illegible] University, New Ha[illegible] Women lectures at [illegible]oleges throughout [illegible]

[illegible] of his talk on Thurs[illegible] will be centered around [illegible] the social problems [illegible] alcohol.

[illegible]M Brent, president of the [illegible]T. A., and Mr. Rob[illegible] president of the High [illegible]T. A., urge all patrons [illegible] for this worthwhile [illegible]

[illegible] Promise

[illegible]Bruno, Calif.- Stuart Hamil[illegible] starting his fishing career [illegible]

[illegible] already has a trout [illegible]

[illegible] Charles, took him to a [illegible] and Stuart hooked and [illegible]

[illegible] Diary' Fake

[illegible], Italy- After an eighteen [illegible] investigation, police say a [illegible] attributed to the late Benito [illegible] is a fake.

[illegible] Paresi Romati, 46, was [illegible] arrested on charges of try[illegible] sell the diary for $12,000. [illegible] her father, a police [illegible] found the diary in an in[illegible]

Draft Board Cites Rules For Young Men to Follow

(The draft has been extended for four years, until July 1, 1963. This means that the young men of the country must continue to expect to serve in the military forces. This series of articles outlines the basic responsibilities and rights of young men under the draft law.)

This is the first article in the series.

Generally, every man is required to register under the draft law within five days of his 18th birthday. He may register at any local board office, but he should be certain to give his home address, for that will determine the local board which will always have his records and which will deal with his case.

If a man is on active duty with the Armed Forces on his 18th birthday, he need not register at that time. Men on active duty must register within 30 days after they leave the service.

Aliens born after September 15, 1925, with a few specified exceptions, must also register within six months after entering the United States or at age 18, whichever is later.

Any person who at age 18 is exempt from registration, must, however, register when his status changes.

Failure to register, like failure to comply with other provisions of the law, may subject men to prosecution, or to induction out of turn and ahead of other men.

After he registers, each man is required by law to keep his local board informed of any change in his address, or any change in his personal situation which might affect his liability to serve.

(The next article will discuss "classification").

EARLY TRANSPLANTING BENEFICIAL TO TOBACCO

Early transplanting of tobacco will almost always produce higher yields and better quality leaf than tobacco which is planted late.

G. R. Mathews, associate agronomist at VPI, says late planting often results in certain problems. It is hard to get a good stand, because temperatures are high and the soil is often dry. If there is much replanting to be done, the growth of plants is irregular. This increases the work involved in cultivating, harvesting, and preparing for market. Tobacco will mature late and will have to be cured under less favorable weather conditions. Much burley tobacco is frozen in the curing barn because transplanting has resulted in late maturity.

There are several things you can do now to help assure plenty of good plants for early transplanting, Mathews said. Keep the plants growing by watering the beds with clean water during dry weather. Apply three t olive barrels to each 100 square yards of plant bed.

Check the beds frequently for disease and insect injury. Be sure to control blue mold and flea beatles. Circular 437 gives detailed information on disease and insect control in tobacco. Ask county agent, or write the VPI Agricultural Extension Service, Blacksburg, for a free copy.

About The Home

By Frances Dell

Many gardeners and home owners are not aware that some of our common garden plants contain highly poisonous substances.

Some of the plants used for beautification in and around our homes are toxic if eaten. Many are irritating if they come in contact with the skin. The normal adult would not think of eating these ornamental plants, but with children, it is a different matter.

Of great protection is the fact that most of these poisonous plants have such an unpleasant taste that it is not likely that anyone would chew them for ver very long, or swallow any part of them.

Among the most common causes of contact dermatitis are poison ivy and poison oak, common rugweed, oleander, mango leaves and fruit, yellow jassamine, and greenhouse primulas.

There are a number of creams and lotions on the market that will help with the discomfort of dermattis caused by these irritating plants.

If a child has chewed any poisonous plant, a doctor should be consulted at once.

SPRAYING BEGINS FOR WEEVIL CONTROL

Alfalfa weevil infestations are varying from light to severe in Virginia now, and spraying has begun in some areas, reports Arthur P. Morris, associate entmologist at V. P. I.

In his weekly report on insect activity in the state, Morris says that farmers in areas infested with the weevil who did not use granulated heptachlor -or fertilizer-heptachlor mixture should be ready to spray as soon as about half the alfalfa plant tips show feeding injury.

If a few weevil larvae or adults are found where granulated heptachlor or the heptachlor -fertilizer mixture has been used, it is not a sign that the treatment has failed. With a little more time for the weevils to come in contact with the insecticide, control will be about complete.

Meanwhile, another alfalfa pest is appearing in some areas. Pea aphids have been reported in Franklin, Halifax, Henry, Patrick, and Augusta. Farmers should watch their fields for pea aphid infestations.

Controls may be needed in some locations.

Among the forest and shade tree insects that are now appearing are pine bark aphids, eastern tent catepillars, and bagworms. On fruit, rosy apple aphids and plum curculios are showing up. County agents can give control recommendations.

Currently, the only insect problem on truck crops on the Eastern Shore consists of lice. It will be necessary to apply control materials.

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IN FASHION NOW

One leading American dress designer has stated that women seem to think they are invisible when they go shopping, so they turn up at the market wearing everything from torreador pants to house dresses, with their hair in pincurls, and any old shoes at hand.

One trip to the supermarket will tell you this is quite true. There is a strange feminine psychology abroad that until we meet our friends for bridge or lunch — nobody can really see us.

Most of us are guilty of this to some degree. Another facet most homemakers of today have in common is going about house chores dressed just like a rag picker.

The demanding role of the modern homemaker calls for working clothes that are neat, inexpensive, and easy to care for. The new fabrics and the wonder of the washing machine make this possible.

Three neat-looking working dresses that require only a machine wash to keep them that way can do a lot toward making you more attractive to your family and close friends.

There is very little excuse for a woman being badly dressed today. Fashion may be 90 per cent whimsy, but dressing well doesn't just happen. Choose all your clothes with care and thought.

Shoes are always important in the world of fashion. It is fun to choose our "occasion" shoes from designs with high heels and little else. However, when it comes to walking shoes and working shoes, the American woman has a lot to learn from her European sisters.

Never wear worn, run down shoes with no support for your house chores or marketing. This is the very time you need a pair of well-fitted shoes, with low to medium heels and good support. Any doctor will tell you how important this is. Your working shoes may well be the most expensive pair of shoes you own; don't worry — you can well save money over and over again in doctor bills and comfort.

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